

47 East South Temple  
September 14, 1933

Hon. George H. Dern  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary Dern:

Mr. W. P. Whitsett came to Salt Lake from Washington by airplane yesterday and left last night for Los Angeles.

He was very greatly pleased with the breadth of your view and the calmness of your judgment with respect to this tremendous undertaking of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

I have felt for a long time that the effect of making this enormous construction in southern California will give to the whole nation more or less of a financial uplift, the same as some have said the reconstruction of San Francisco did after the earthquake and fire.

I desire you to know that it was a source of genuine satisfaction to me to have Mr. Whitsett explain with what a commendable and statesmanlike attitude you had received his story and were giving to the problem of the Metropolitan Water District your serious and earnest attention and help.

Mrs. Lyman desires to join me in sending to you kindest regards and very best wishes and an expression of appreciation for the attention you paid our friend Mr. Whitsett.

Very truly yours,

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Richard R. Lyman

P. S. I am sure you will be interested in the enclosed clipping, the last paragraph of which reads: "Three hundred and sixteen carloads of copper will be used in the construction of the aqueduct and system, Mr. Whitsett said, all of which will come from Utah and Arizona."